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SECTION I (C) SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. (C) General:

a. On 13 November 1966, Colonel Ashley A. Blinn assumed command from Colonel Linton S. Boatwright, of I Field Force Vietnam Artillery.

b. The 7th Battalion, 10th Artillery received its equipment and became fully operational on 15 November 1966. Its base camp is HAMMOND Army Airfield near PHU CAT.

c. The II Corps Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer relocated on 1 December 1966 from HQ, II Corps in PLEIKU to HQ, I FORCEV Arty in NHA TRANG. This relocation has facilitated the integration of Naval gunfire into fire support coordination and planning for US, ROK, and ARVN operations.

d. Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam Artillery (Forward) (DONG HA) was established at DONG HA, RVN on 3 Dec 66 to exercise command and control of the US Army artillery battalions stationed in I CTZ. The three battalions, 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery; 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery with Battery G, 65th Artillery attached; and 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery with Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery attached, are attached to I Field Force Vietnam Artillery and under Operational Control of III Marine Amphibious Force. The mission of this Forward Command Post is to act as an extension of Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam Artillery, to provide command and control less operational control, of the US Army artillery units in I CTZ and to monitor administrative and logistical support provided respectively by III MAF, Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam, and 1st Logistical Command.

e. On 7 December 1966, Colonel Jerry F. Dunn assumed command of I Field Force Vietnam Artillery from Colonel Ashley A. Blinn.

f. On 19 December 1966, Brigadier General Edward M. Deschusseur Jr. assumed command of I Field Force Vietnam Artillery from Colonel Jerry

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b. Ammunition Expended:	NOV	DEC	JAN
(1) 2.75	8,460	9,475	12,667
(2) 105 HE	114,920	108,139	116,525
105 ILL	1,836	2,048	2,727
105 WP	18,215	17,479	20,305
105 SMK	4,066	3,237	6,252
105 other	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTAL	139,047	130,903	145,830
(3) 155 HE	22,729	24,577	25,055
155 ILL	1,210	856	1,753
155 WP	1,970	1,923	1,635
155 SMK	<u>455</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>493</u>
TOTAL	26,364	27,811	28,936
(4) 8-inch HE	8,490	9,721	7,807
(5) 175mm HE	5,743	8,401	7,001

3. (C) Logistics:

a. Periodic Logistics Report:

(1) The value of the Periodic Logistic Report (RCS AVHGD-35), became more apparent during this reporting quarter. Non-divisional US Army artillery units in I CTZ and II CTZ began to receive reports of actions taken by the responsible support command. As a result, the status of PLL has been improved.

(2) The frequency of submitting this report should be changed to every two weeks. Less reporting would result and more time would be available in which support agencies could react.

b. The lack of the following maintenance float items at USASC, QUI NHON and CAM RANH continues to adversely affect the support of artillery units in II CTZ:

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- (1) Panoramic Telescope, M115 (8-inch How and 175mm Gun)
- (2) Panoramic Telescope, M117 (105mm How SP)
- (3) Generator Set, PU 107 (AN/MFQ-4A Radar)
- (4) M108, 105mm How SP

c. The shortage of rawinsonde system expendable items has caused the deadline of several of these systems in II CTZ.

d. The long lines of communications between the US Army Support Command, QUI KHON, the DA LANG Sub-area Command (275 Km), and the FSA at QUANG HA (145 KM) make it imperative to have aircraft for the transportation of artillery weapons repair parts and other critical supplies. The air transport capability for resupply functions between I and II CTZ is inadequate.

#### 4. (U) PERSONNEL:

##### a. Personnel and Administration:

Strength figures of HQ, I FFORCEV Arty on 31 January 1967 were:

	OFF	WO	FM
Authorized	34	2	159
Assigned	36	2	143
Present for Duty	34	2	127

##### b. Rest and Recuperation Program:

The following M&R quotas were received and utilized:

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
4	2	4

##### c. Awards and Decorations:

The following awards and decorations were presented during this period:

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	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
	OFF WO EM	OFF WO EM	OFF WO EM
Air Medal		1	
Bronze Star	2	1	
Army Commendation Medal			3

d. Morale and Discipline:

The morale and discipline have continued to be excellent through the reporting period.

SECTION 2 (C) COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
Part I. Observation (lessons learned)

a. Item: Naval Gunfire in Support of Operations.

Discussion: There are many II CTZ areas of tactical importance in which naval gunfire can be used to support operations. The US Navy provides fire support to ARVN and FMAAF; however, US observers and spotters must adjust and control the gunfire.

Observation: Field Artillery forward observers and key infantry personnel to platoon leader level should receive service school training in the control and adjustment of naval gunfires.

b. Item: Coordination and Clearance of Fires.

Discussion: The presence of friendly non-US forces and civilians in the combat area of operations has required the establishment of coordination and clearance procedures to avoid conflict between units and to preclude wounding or killing of non-combatants.

Observation: Procedures used in Vietnam would be a worth-while addition to tactics classes in US Army Service Schools.

c. Item: Shell APERS-T XM-546 (Beehive).

Discussion: Beehive ammunition was employed against enemy personnel during the enemy attack of Landing Zone Bird on 27 December 1966. Units occupying this LZ were Battery B, 2d Battalion,

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10th Artillery (105mm Towed) and Battery C, 6th Battalion, 16th Artillery (155mm Towed). Two rounds of 105mm beehive ammunition were expended and, though enemy KIA attributable to this munition could not be determined, it was credited with breaking up the attack. NVA forces suffered 82 KIA.

Observation: The beehive round in direct fire is extremely effective.

d. Item: Combat Support Coordination Centers

Discussion: The enemy attacked PLAIKU on 7 January 1967 with mortars and infantry. Location of the enemy mortars by countermortar radar was hindered by heavy friendly counterfires. The radars could not discern between friendly and enemy tracks.

Observation: Defensive techniques of Combat Support Coordination Centers should include means of controlling counterfire measures if holding these fires appears prudent.

PART II, Recommendation:

Recommend that the Periodic Logistics Report (RCS AVHGD-35) be revised to include a two week reporting period instead of one week.

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Organizational Structure

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**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Artillery units attached to I Field Force Vietnam Artillery during the reporting period.

HQ, I Field Force Vietnam Artillery (Forward) (QUI NHON)

HQ, I Field Force Vietnam Artillery (Forward) (DONG HA)

**52nd Artillery Group:**

3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery (105mm SP)

6th Battalion, 14th Artillery (8"/175mm SP)

3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery (8"/175mm SP)

77th Field Artillery Detachment (Radar)

235th Field Artillery Detachment (Radar)

237th Field Artillery Detachment (Radar)

7th Battalion, 13th Artillery (105mm T)

5th Battalion, 27th Artillery (105mm T)

1st Battalion, 30th Artillery (155mm T)

1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (105mm SP)

1st Battalion, 44th Artillery (AW SP)

Battery G, 65th Artillery (50 Cal MG)

2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery (175mm SP)

Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery (175mm SP)

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 8th Target Acquisition  
Battalion, 26th Artillery

Battery B, 29th Artillery (Searchlight)

238th Field Artillery Detachment (Radar)

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HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350 8 MAR 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the  
Army, Washington, D.C., 20310

1. (U) This headquarters concurs with the contents of the Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending 31 January 1967 of I FFORCEV Artillery, with the following comments.

2. (C) Reference Section I, page 3 - Significant Activities.

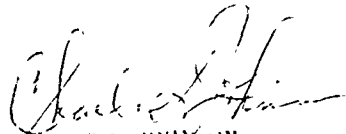
a. Reference paragraph 3b: The existing shortage of maintenance float items has been brought to the attention of the Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command; however, as of this date the shortages still exist.

b. Reference paragraph 3c: Follow-up action cannot be initiated until specific shortages are forwarded. Upon receipt of itemized shortages necessary follow-up action will be taken.

3. (C) Reference Section 2, Part II - Recommendations:

I FFORCEV (U) message B-0730, subject: Periodic Logistical Report Procedures, dtg 250909Z January 1967, recommended that the report be changed to a bi-weekly report.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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